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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

TOPIC Perleberg Airfield

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 29 March 1950REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

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1. Tank and infantry units but no air force units were stationed at the Perleberg (M 54/T 70) airfield on 20 January 1950. Construction firms were dismantling the hangars which were allegedly shipped to the Wismar (M 54/T 49) shipyard.
2. On 27 January 1950 the field was occupied to capacity by units wearing black or red-bordered black epauletts. Many communication trenches and other excavations were on the edge of the landing field. No aircraft were seen. There were hangars on the southern edge of the field, the second of which (seen from the east) was being dismantled. Corrugated sheet metal plates were being lowered by ropes from the roof and striped material such as plates, girders, beams and bricks were piled in front of the hangar. The workers said that they had come from outside the field.
3. No Soviet Air Force units, air force motor vehicles or flying were seen at the field between 1 and 10 February 1950. The former fuel dump on the northern edge of the field was dismantled. Trenches were excavated on the landing field.
4. Dismantling work on a hangar was going on between 1 and 20 February 1950. Only two intact hangars were available. Several Soviet Army units but no air force soldiers were seen at the field. There was no flying. The fuel dump on the northern edge was dismantled. Two trenches, each about 50 meters long, were excavated in the north-eastern section of the landing field.

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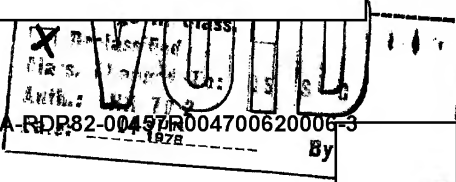
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a. The information is considered credible
the occupation of the field and the dismantling of hangars and the

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b. There were no indications of intended reoccupation of the field by an air unit.

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